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LR 21
LB 207

Mr. President, I have an Attorney General's Opinion addressed to Senator Beutler regarding LB 207, which will be inserted in the Legislative Journal. (See Pages 854 and 855 of the Journal.)

PRESIDENT: We are ready then for Agenda Item #7, Resolutions, LR 21. Senator Kelly. Read the resolution, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 21 introduced by Senator Kelly and others. (Read LR 21.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kelly.

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and members of the Nebraska Unicameral, this resolution is a move to encourage the libraries across the state of Nebraska to continue their excellent work, and where possible to improve their services to the citizens of our state. This is the resolution that was circulated to the membership last week, and I believe there was something like thirty-six co-introducers. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President and members of the body, it wasn't too long ago that I had a resolution up and there were a few that jumped to the floor talking about the great significance of that resolution, and how it ought to be referred to a committee. If I could ask Senator Kelly a quick question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kelly, will you respond?

SENATOR KELLY: Gladly, yes, sir.

SENATOR NEWELL: Senator Kelly, due to the controversial nature of this resolution, do you think...don't you think it should be referred to a committee for some study before it's acted upon by this body?

SENATOR KELLY: Senator Newell, this certainly would always be in the best interest of the citizens of Nebraska to be sure that everything is done out in the open, and if the body would so desire that this resolution go to a committee for public hearing, this would delight me, because again, we would have the opportunity of the people performing these outstanding library services to come before the public and state what they are doing, and furthermore, those areas in the state that may not be properly served would have an opportunity to come to the Legislature and point out that they are not receiving the services that they would need to have. I certainly